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落語。化け猫が出るという噂のおかげで客足の
絶えた油屋。そこで主人が見張っていると巨大
猫が現れた。石を投げる主人に対し、猫はこれ
かわして、危ないところだったと一言――「油屋（
なや）のう」

（近影画 さかなや えみ

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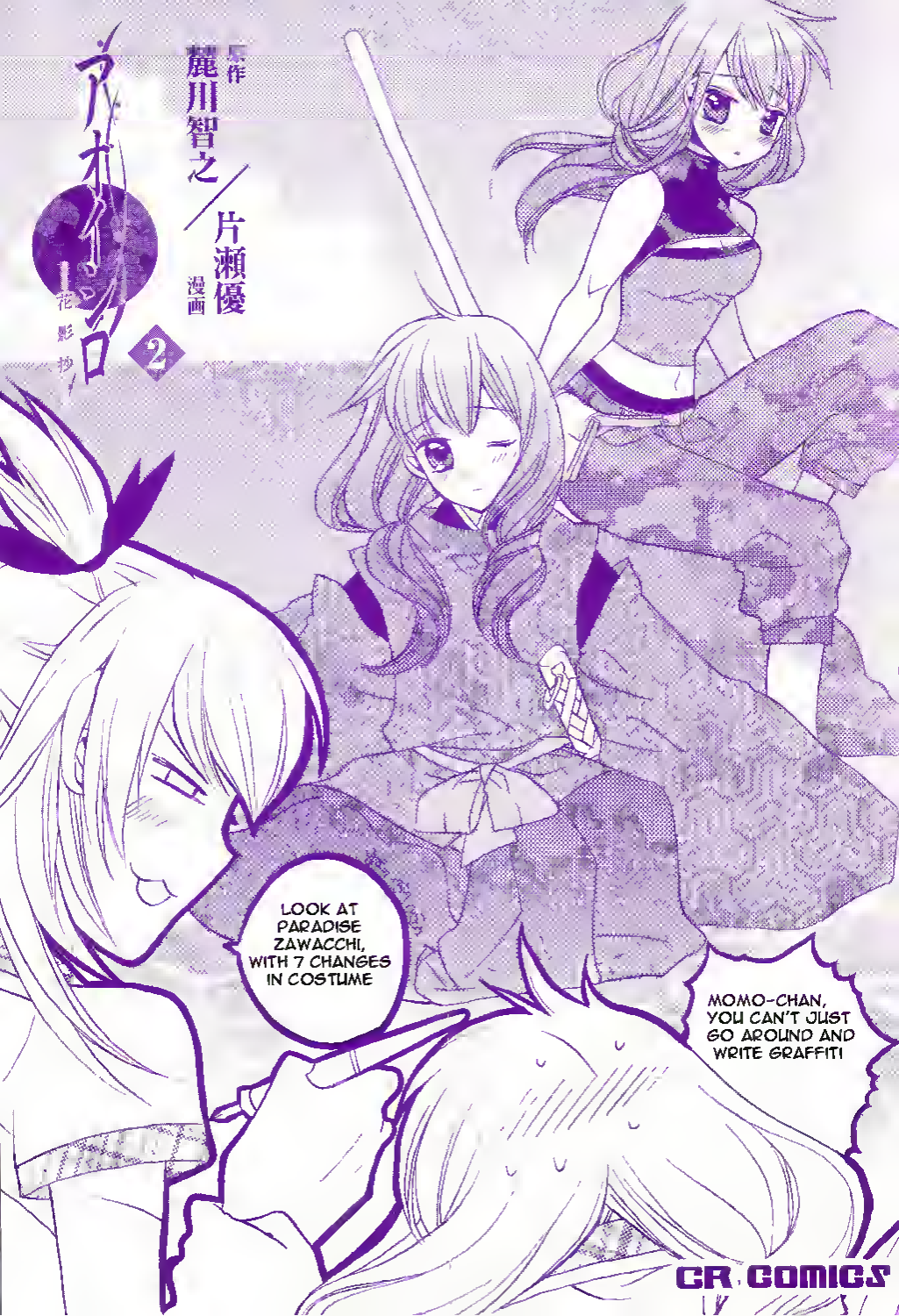
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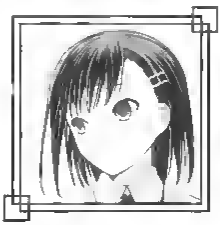
THE KENDO TEAM'S MANAGER THOUGH HER BODY IS WEAK, SHE'S GOT A STRONG WILL



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OSANAI SYOUKO

THE CAPTAIN OF SEIJOU'S KENDO CLUB. SHE STARTED KENDO BECAUSE SHE ADMIRED HER COUSIN NARUMI

喜屋武汀

KYAN MIGIWA

SHE ARRIVED AT SEIJOU BEFORE SYOUKO AND COMPANY. SHE'S A GENIUS AT SWORDSMANSHIP

秋田百子

AKITA MOMOKO

A FIRST YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AND A MEMBER OF THE KENDO TEAM. SHE LIVES IN THE DORMS WITH YASUMI

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NAMI

A YOUNG GIRL WHO WASHED UP ON THE BEACH NEAR SHOUSHINJI. SHE'S LOST HER MEMORY

6話

NOW THAT OUR STOMACHS ARE FULL
(SFX: OH!)
I THINK IT'S TIME TO START THIS SUMMER CAMP'S TEST OF COURAGE
LET'S MOVE TO THE MAIN TEMPLE AND START WITH SOME SCARY STORIES
WHY ARE WE GOING ALL THE WAY TO THE MAIN TEMPLE?
DOESN'T IT CREATE A BETTER MOOD THERE?

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(SFX FUWAH)
IS NAMI-CHAN ALREADY SLEEPY?
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YOU'RE STILL GOING TO FORCE YOURSELF TO GO?
SINCE IT'S A SHOCKING EVENT, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE IT CAN HELP RECOVER HER MEMORY
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WOAH!
BISHA-MON-SAMA IS A BUDDHIST ICON

NOW, BISHAMON IS ONE OF THE FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS, BUT HE ALSO LEADS THE YAKSHA DEITIES OF THE WATER...
IN OTHER WORDS HE'S AN ONI KING
IT'S LIKE USING BARBARIANS TO FIGHT BARBARIANS
UKRAINE'S COAT OF ARMS, TRYZUB, ALSO HAS A TRIDENT BUT THAT WAS SAID TO BE BASED ON THE VIKINGS FROM SWEDEN WHO WERE TREATED LIKE KINGS
THE THREE PRONGED TRIDENT HE HOLDS IS A SYMBOL OF THE MASTER OF THE SEAS
FAMOUS BEINGS LIKE GREECE'S POSEIDON OR...
INDIA'S SHIVA ALSO HAD TRIDENTS.
THOUGH SHIVA'S PREVIOUS INCARNATION WAS THE GOD OF STORMS, RUDRA.

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THIS IS A STORY ABOUT "THE OX'S HEAD"
NEXT... SINCE WE'RE HERE, SENSEI WILL TELL A LOCAL LEGEND

...AND THAT WAS THE STORY
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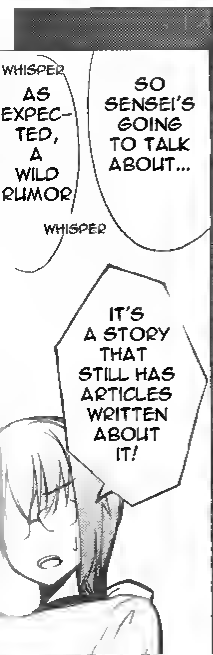
SCARY


WHISPER
AS EXPECTED, A WILD RUMOR
SO SENSEI'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT...
WHISPER
IT'S A STORY THAT STILL HAS ARTICLES WRITTEN ABOUT IT!

HAVE YOU HEARD OF IT?
IT'S RUMORED TO BE A VERY SCARY STORY, BUT BECAUSE IT'S AN URBAN LEGEND, NO ONE KNOWS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

THE OX'S HEAD?

SOON AFTER THE FESTIVAL FOR THAT YEAR ENDED...
THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA WENT TO THE BEACH TO RETRIEVE A GIFT FROM KUROU-SAMA WHICH THE ROUGH WAVES HAD WASHED UP ON THE SHORE
ITS SHAPE WAS LARGE AND BLACK...
IN THE 4TH YEAR OF THE HOUEN ERA... WHICH IS AROUND 300 YEARS AGO DURING THE EDO PERIOD
THINKING IT WAS A SMALL WHALE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEY VENTURED CLOSER AND...
IT TURNED OUT TO BE A HEADLESS OX
IN PLACE OF THE OX'S HEAD THERE WAS A HUMAN HEAD NEARBY
BY THE WAY, DOES EVERYONE KNOW WHAT A KUDAN IS?

AND IT SEEMS THE HUMAN HEAD SAID...
IT'S WRITTEN WITH THE RADICAL FOR 'PERSON' AND THE CHARACTER FOR 'OX' AND IS A MONSTER THAT MADE PREDICTIONS, RIGHT?
TSUNAMI...
TSUNAMI...
TSUNAMI...
WHAT IF IT WASN'T?
AFTER THAT BOTH THE HEAD AND THE OX'S BODY WASHED AWAY AND VANISHED
AFTER THAT A TSUNAMI DID OCCUR WHICH RESULTED IN 20000 CASUALTIES
BUT THAT WAS JUST A PREDICTION, RIGHT?

BECAUSE YOU TALKED ABOUT IT, A MISFORTUNATE FUTURE CAME..
WHAT IF WASN'T THAT A MISFORTUNATE FUTURE WAS COMING SO YOU TOLD ABOUT IT, BUT.
WHAT IF IT WASN'T A PREDICTION, BUT A CURSE

IT'S TRUE THAT THE ONI KING COULD HAVE USED HIS POWERS TO CAUSE A STORM
SO BACK THEN IT WASN'T A PERSON'S HEAD BUT THE ONI KING'S...
KUROU-SAMA.. THE ONE THAT THE NEKATA FAMILY OF URASHIMA HOLDS RITES FOR?
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JUST KIDDING
SENSEI DOESN'T KNOW THE TRUTH EITHER, THOUGH THE KUDAN DOES SEEM CONNECTED KUROU-SAMA'S FESTIVAL
TO SUMMARIZE, IT WAS A RITUAL WHERE A SPECIALLY CHOSEN BULL WOULD HAVE ITS HEAD CLEAVED BY THE PRIEST OF THE NEKATA
ABOUT WHAT THE RITUAL FOR KUROU-SAMA ACTUALLY ENTAILED
SUZUKI-SAN LET ME READ SOME ARTICLES THAT WERE WRITTEN IN THE EDO PERIOD

THAT WAS THE CHOICE FOR THIS RITUAL
BUT WHY AN OX'S HEAD...
CHOICE?
IT'S LIKE THE CONCEPT OF A CURSED STRAW DOLL
BECAUSE THE STRAW DOLL HAS THE SHAPE OF A PERSON, IF THE STRAW IS PIERCED WITH A NAIL, THEN THE PERSON THAT THE DOLL RESEMBLES WOULD ALSO BE PIERCED BY A NAIL...
KNOWN AS SYMPATHETIC MAGIC, THE SHINTO SONG AND DANCES AT SHRINES ARE ALSO A FORM OF THIS
WHEN ACTING OUT MYTHS AND LEGEND, THE GODS WOULD DESCEND AND MANIFEST THEMSELVES THROUGH THE PERFORMER
IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S LIKE RETURNING TO THE AGE OF GODS

IT MEANS THE GOD OF THE SEA DIDN'T ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE OR THAT MATAMU WASN'T SEALED
SO IF THE SLAIN OX IS SEEN, SOMETHING UNFORTUNATE IS GOING TO HAPPEN
IT COULD BE SOMETHING LIKE WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER SUCH AS BEING BOUND TO A KUDAN
URASHIMA'S FESTIVAL IS ALSO LIKE THAT WHERE IT TRIES TO REENACT THE LEGEND
WELL... THERE SHOULD ALSO BE A SACRIFICE BUT...
BECAUSE OF THAT, IT'S TAKEN AS A BAD OMEN IF THE SACRIFICED OX IS SEEN IN THE COUPLE OF DAYS AFTER THE FESTIVAL ENDS
UM?
BY THE WAY, WHERE DID THE OX'S BODY AND THE HUMAN HEAD COME FROM?
EH!
WELL, THE HUMAN WAS ALSO SACRIFICED
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WHAT.. SO IT WAS A MADE-UP STORY AFTER ALL
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EVERY-ONE, LISTEN UP!
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WE'RE GOING TO HAVE EVERYONE MAKE A ROUND TRIP TO THE TOKOSAKI NO TSUBAKI
THERE'S A CARTON FILLED WITH JUICE AT ITS ROOTS. PLEASE TAKE ONE AND BRING IT BACK
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REX
HERE'S A SAMPLE
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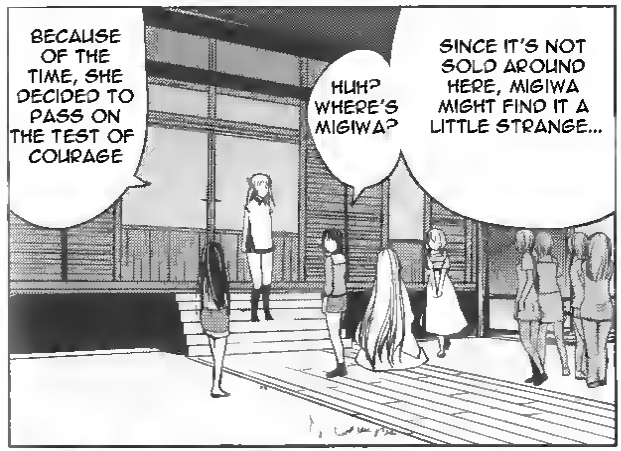
THE ONE THAT'S SWEET AS HELL
AH... IT'S REX COFFEE

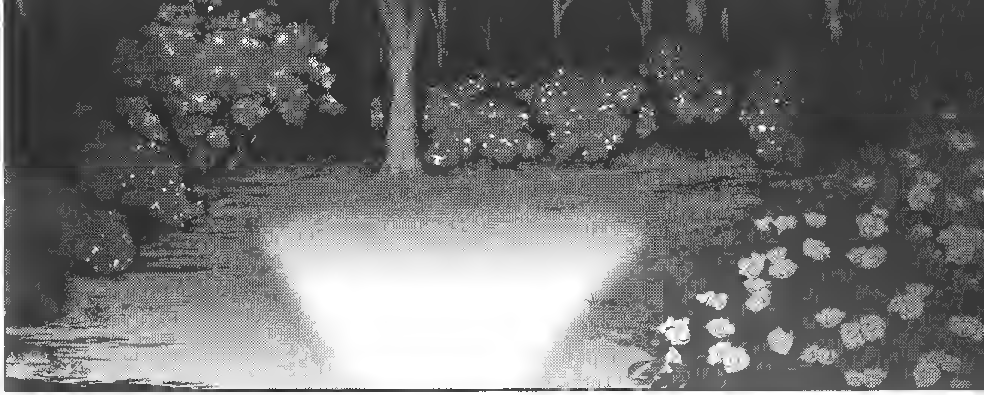
MOMOKO, THAT'S...
IT'S A PRESENT FROM THE CAPTA... I MEAN THE PREVIOUS CAPTAIN. IT WAS DELIVERED TODAY

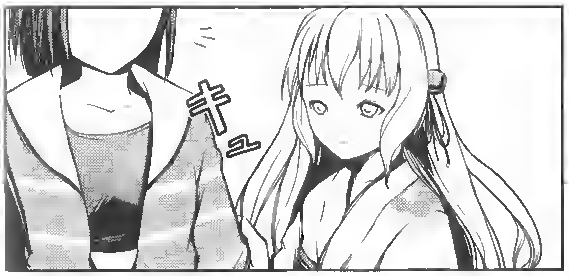

BECAUSE OF THE TIME, SHE DECIDED TO PASS ON THE TEST OF COURAGE
HUH? WHERE'S MIGIWA?
SINCE IT'S NOT SOLD AROUND HERE, MIGIWA MIGHT FIND IT A LITTLE STRANGE...

ASUNA-SEMPAI LIKED IT, RIGHT?

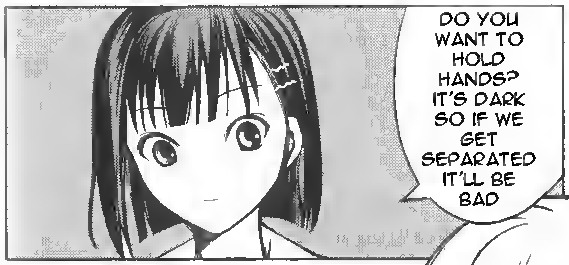
NO, NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT
...YOU AREN'T WORKING TOGETHER TO PLAN SOMETHING ARE YOU?

IS NAMI-CHAN ALSO GOING TO DRAW ONE?
LET'S DECIDE THE ORDER WE GO BY DRAWING LOTS
WHAT ABOUT IF OSANAI-SAN JUST TEAMS UP WITH NAMI-CHAN?
IF SHE WENT WITH SOMEONE BESIDES SYOUKO-SAN OR YASUMI-CHAN
I DON'T MIND...





IT'S GOING TO GET DARK FROM HERE ON


DO YOU WANT TO HOLD HANDS? IT'S DARK SO IF WE GET SEPARATED IT'LL BE BAD

SO NAMI, WHY DON'T YOU HOLD THIS AND
LIGHT UP THE PATH AHEAD OF US

HUH?
IT'S ALSO SO DARK AHEAD...

THAT'S...
THAT'S THE TOKOSAKI NO TSUBAKI

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NAMI, WHAT ARE YOU

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NAMI TALKED?
IT'S GETTING CLOSER...
THE "SWORD"... THAT WAS SEALED IN THE PALACE OF THE DRAGON KING IS DRAWING CLOSER TO THIS PLACE

THE SEALS THAT ARE THE RED TSUBAKI WILL FALL AND ONCE AGAIN RETURN TO THIS WORLD
IF THE "SWORD" CROSSES OVER FROM OVER THERE, THE "POWER" OF THE "SWORD" WILL ACT AS A PRIMER AND BREAK THE SEAL THAT I PLACED ON THAT CALAMITY
HER EYES HOLD SOME SORT OF MYSTERIOUS POWER
...SYOUKO
YOU'VE REALLY GROWN UP
AS YOU SEE, NAMI IS LIKE THIS
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO REVIVE AND GROW UP HEALTHY
IT'S NOT NAMI BUT I SOMEHOW FEEL NOLSTALGIC
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

I AM OYASU
"TAIRA NO MIYAKO" IS THE NAME I RECEIVED
THE ANCIENT CAPITAL OF KYOTO USED TO BE THE CENTER OF JAPAN. IT WAS NOT PRONOUNCED USING THE CHINESE READING OF "HEIAN KYOU" BUT WITH THE JAPANESE READING OF "TAIRA NO MIYAKO"
THE REASON THE FLOWERS OF THE TOKOSAKI NO TSUBAKI DON'T SCATTER OR WITHER IS BECAUSE A WANDERING BUDDHIST PRIESTESS NAMED YASUHIME-SAMA

YASUHIME-SAMA!?
THEN, THE SEALED CALAMITY IS...
MADAMU IS ONLY WIELDING THE REMNANTS OF THE ONI-KING'S "POWER" BUT EVEN THAT IS POWERFUL...
IT CAN'T BE CONTROLLED BY ANYONE AND IS A MAELSTROM-LIKE "POWER"
IN THIS WORLD, IT'S THE SAME AS DESTRUCTION AND RUIN

BUT THE BARRIER WILL SOON BREAK
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS I HAVE TO CROSS OVER TO THE ISLAND AND RECOVER ENOUGH "POWER" TO REPAIR IT
THE FLOWERS FALLING WAS A MANIFESTATION OF RETRIEVING MY "POWER" BACK
IT'S NOT HAPPENING RIGHT NOT
SO IF THE FLOWERS HAVE FALLEN THEN THAT MEANS...
TO URASHIMA, THE DEMON GATE OF THE SEA GOD...
PLEASE TAKE ME... NAMI... TO THE ISLAND
JUST WAIT... SOON, I'LL...

WILL I MAKE IT...!?
WHAT'S COMING!?
SYOUKO, THEY'RE COMING PREPARE YOURSELF
NO, IT'S YESTERDAY'S...
RED TSUBAKI?

MOURYOU!?
THERE WERE ALSO A LOT YESTERDAY BUT..
IT CAN'T COMPARE TO TODAY...
RIGHT!

ARE THESE THINGS THIS LIVELY BECAUSE THE TIME OF THE FESTIVAL IS APPROACHING, OR IS IT BECAUSE THE "SWORD" IS DRAWING CLOSER...
OY...
I'M GOING TO CREATE A GAP SO YOU GUYS USE THAT CHANCE TO ESCAPE
STAY CALM
STAY CALM

THAT VOICE...
IS IT KUROU-SAMA!?
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LET'S GO!
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CHE...
I GUESS USING ROCKS IS NOT ENOUGH
...
KUH!

IT SEEMS SOME PATHETIC SMALL ONI HAVE GATHERED HERE
WELL, YOU DID WELL FOR BEING JUST A HUMAN. I WONDER IF I SHOULD PRAISE YOU
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THESE THINGS ARE VULGAR AS USUAL
SEEING THESE THINGS WHICH RELY ON NUMBERS TO WIN REMINDS ME THINK OF HARLOTS AND MAKES ME FEEL DISGUSTED
THE SWORD IS HOWLING...?
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ONI SHOULD
ONI SHOULD LOOK LIKE THIS...
SO LET ME SET AN EXAMPLE FOR YOU
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DON'T YOU THINK SO LITTLE GIRL?

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OY! THE GIRL AND LITTLE GIRL OVER THERE
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, STAND BACK

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SO STRONG
SO FRIGHTENING
AH
THIS IS...
THIS IS AN ONI...

THAT'S ENOUGH ONIWAKA. STAND DOWN.

KUROU-SAMA
THESE SHIKI-GAMI
THERE'S NO MISTAKING THEY'RE CONNECTED TO THAT BAROURYUU...
IT VANISHED...
DO YOU NOT RECOGNIZE ME IN THIS FORM?
I'VE BECOME A SHADOW. AFTER MY BROTHER DIED, I'VE ALWAYS DRESSED IN GUYS CLOTHING, AND THAT NAME HAS ALREADY LOST ITS MEANING
CALLLING ME BY A NAME I'D THROWN AWAY LONG AGO, WHO ARE YOU?

KUROU-SAMA..
YOU ARE..
THOUGH YOU STILL LOOK THE SAME AS YOU DID BACK THEN, YOU'VE BECOME A SHADOW OF YOUR FORMER SELF
IT'LL ARRIVE HERE BEFORE DAWN..
THE "SWORD" IS COMING...
NAMI!?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY

SHE'S BEEN AFFECTED BY THE "SWORD'S" POISON AND FAINTED...

IS NAMI-CHAN STILL ALIVE?
SHE SEEMS OK, I WAS TOLD SHE'S BEEN AFFECTED BY THE "SWORD'S" POISON
REINFORCE-MENTS HAVE ARRIVED!
IT'S SEEMS I'VE SOMEHOW MADE IT IN TIME
THE TOKOSAKI NO TSUBAKI'S BLOSSOMS HAVE FALLEN
THERE'S AN UNNATURAL "POWER" FLOATING IN THE AIR HERE

MIGIWA, THIS PERSON IS KUROU-SAMA...
ARE YOU THE KENKI*?
YOU NOT JUST A NORMAL PERSON, RIGHT?
THE DRAGON KING OF URASHIMA KUROU-SAMA?

*MEANS "SWORD DEMON". IT'S THE NAME GIVEN TO THE ONI THAT STOLE THE SWORD MIGIWA IS SEARCHING FOR

SO YOU'RE NOT THE PERPE-TRATOR, BUT
SINCE LONG AGO YOU'VE SOUGHT THE SWORD. YOU'RE THAT ONE-EYED WHITE-HAIRED ONMYOUJI!
I SEE, YOU'RE NOT HOLDING THAT "SWORD"

THE ONE-EYED DEMON, SEKIGANKI!!!
* DEMON SLAYING ORGANIZATION THAT MIGIWA BELONGS TO
I AM NOT SEKIGANKI.
I AM KOHAKU
YOU'RE NOT GOOD AT OBSERVING PEOPLE IF YOU'VE MISTAKEN ME FOR THAT GUY
IF YOU KNOW ABOUT SEKIGANKI THEN AS EXPECTED YOU ARE PART OF THE SHUTEN NO ONIKIRI*

SO WHAT IF I AM...
SO... YOU'RE PART OF THE SHUTEN DEMON SLAYING GROUP
IN THE PAST, I'VE BEEN CALLED THAT, BUT
IT'S FINE TO CALL ME KOHAKU NOW
YOU'RE NOT KUROU-SAMA?
BECAUSE OF YOUR INEPTITUDE, I, KOHAKU, HAVE BEEN AWOKEN AGAIN
ASK IF YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH THE "SWORD'S" GUARDIAN KOHAKU
THEN USE A RITE OR SOMETHING TO CONTACT THE HEAD OF YOUR ORGANIZATION
* MEANS YOUNG MASTER
HELLO? WAKA*? SORRY ABOUT BUT TIME BUT THERE'S AN URGENT MATTER
WELL... OK...

EH?
AH, YES, SHE DID SAY KOHAKU...
...WHAT'S SHE USING?
(...Hh...)
IT'S A TOOL THAT ENABLES YOU TO TALK WITH SOMEONE FAR AWAY WHO HOLDS THE SAME ITEM
EH!?
YOU'RE TELLING ME TO HELP HER RECOVER THE "SWORD" FROM KENKI!?
HAH...
GEEZ...
WHY DO I HAVE TO...
DEMON SLAYING GROUP?
DEMON SLAYERS?
YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM?
SINCE A LONG TIME AGO, OUR COUNTRY HAS HAD PEOPLE WHOSE PROFESSION WAS TO SLAY DEMONS

IN ALL OF JAPAN, THERE'S COUNTLESS GROUPS THAT EXTEND THEIR INFLUENCE OR ARE PART OF AN ANCESTRAL LINE
LIKE ITS NAME, THE ONIKIRIBE IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT SLAYS DEMONS
WITHIN EACH GROUP, THERE DOES EXIST A RANKING OF THE MEMBERS BUT MEMBERS ONLY WORK ALONE
PEOPLE AROUND OUR AGE ALSO WORK FOR THE GROUP AND I'VE HEARD THAT THE CURRENT HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION IS A KID...
I'M AN UNDERLING FOR THE SHUTEN GROUP WHICH IS BASED IN OKINAWA
UNDER-LING?
OF COURSE
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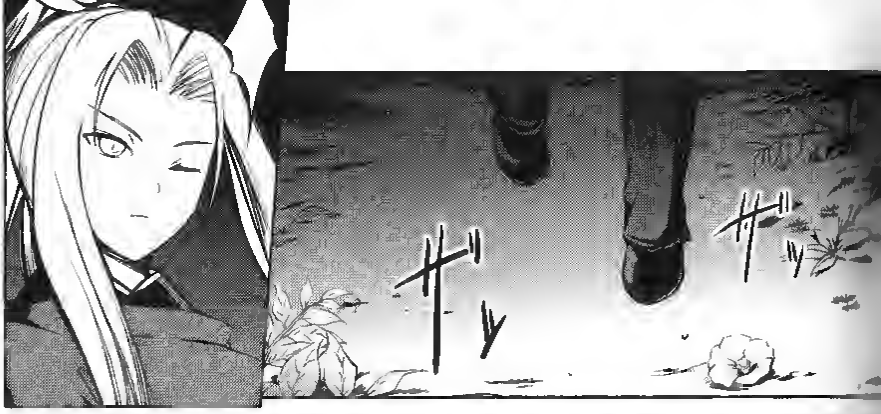
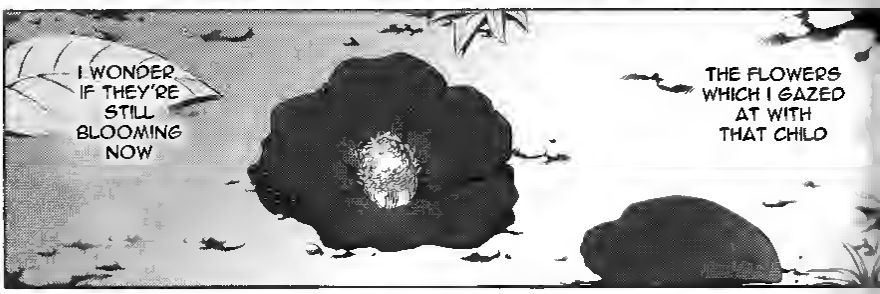
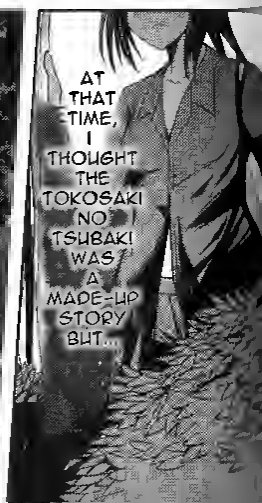
I ALSO DON'T KNOW WHICH GENERATION OF LEADER IT CURRENTLY IS..



IT'S ABOUT TO COME...
DO YOU FEEL IT?


I WONDER IF THEY'RE STILL BLOOMING NOW
THE FLOWERS WHICH I GAZED AT WITH THAT CHILD

NOW, IF I COMPARE IT TO MY BODY


AT THAT TIME, I THOUGHT THE TOKOSAKI NO TSUBAKI WAS A MADE-UP STORY BUT...

AS I THOUGHT... A FLOWER'S FATE IS TO FALL...

COULD IT BE...
THE KENKI IS... THAT PERSON IS...
EH...!?
AN ACCIDENT AT SEA...
BUT... 8 YEARS AGO IN AN ACCIDENT AT SEA, NATSU-NEE-SAN WAS...
YOU ARE...
LET'S GO!

I'VE COME TO RETRIVE THE "SWORD" YOU STOLE!
AN ONIKIRI OF THE SUTEN GROUP, KYAN MIGIWA!
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WOULD YOU MIND MOVING ASIDE?
OF COURSE THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE

I ALSO HAVE MY PRIDE

(BREAK)
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SO THAT'S HOW IT IS, KENKI!

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KENKI
THE POLICE REPORT HASN'T BEEN FILED YET, SO HOW ABOUT WE COME TO A MUTUAL AGREEMENT RIGHT NOW?
QUIETLY HAND OVER THE "SWORD"

BUT WHY...
THAT STANCE... I GUESS IT REALLY IS NATSU NEE-SAN
NARUMI KAYA!
WHY IS SHE ALIVE...
WHY DID SHE BECOME AN ONI...
WHY DID SHE STEAL THE "SWORD"...
...COULD YOU LET ME PASS?
LIKE ITS APPEARANCE, IT'S A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD AND WILL SURELY DESTROY YOUR BODY
SO... JUST GIVE UP THE "SWORD"
I REFUSE. HOW COULD I GIVE UP THE SWORD BEFORE I REACH MY GOAL?
WHAT'S YOUR GOAL?
MY.. MY GOAL IS...

NEKATA'S SEA GOD WHICH IS OFFERED SACRIFICES...
I CAME HERE TO SLAY KUROU-SAMA
FOR THAT PURPOSE ALONE I OBTAINED THE SWORD
FOR THAT PURPOSE ALONE I SOUGHT OUT THE SWORD
DON'T THINK YOU CAN OPEN THE "GATE" OF THE SEA GOD'S PALACE JUST SO YOU CAN DO A FOOLISH THING LIKE TRYING TO SLAY A GOD
WITH THIS 8000 YEAR OLD CURSED ITEM THAT EVEN BURIED A GOD IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO SLAY KUROU-SAMA
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I REMEMBER THAT SWORD-MANSHIP
SUTEN OUJIN RYUU... JYA NO ME*
DON'T TAKE ME LIGHTLY JUST BECAUSE I LOST TO YOU ONCE
I DION'T WANT TO TAKE IT OUT YET, BUT I GUESS THERE'S NO HELPING IT
KUH
HUH
HAVE YOU DECIDED TO QUIETLY HAND OVER THE "SWORD"?

I'M WILLING TO BECOME AN ONI, OR ANYTHING...
IN ORDER TO SLAY KUROU-SAMA
YOU'VE DRAWN THE "SWORD"
YOU...

EVEN IF THE "SWORD" EATS AWAY YOUR SOUL?
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IF THAT HAPPENS AFTER I SLAY KUROU-SAMA...
I'LL GIVE UP AS MUCH OF MY SOUL AS IT WANTS!!
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OH NO...

WAIT!
OSA!
AH

SYOUKO-CHAN, I'M SORRY .
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU..
NAT-CHAN. .
I.. MIGIWA AND COMPANY.. NATSU NEE-SAN...!?
THIS IS...
MY WOUND... WAS HEALED...?
...NAT-CHAN!

DID NAMI HEAL IT?
YES... I DID
MIGIWA AND THE OTHERS?

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WE SOMEHOW MADE IT...
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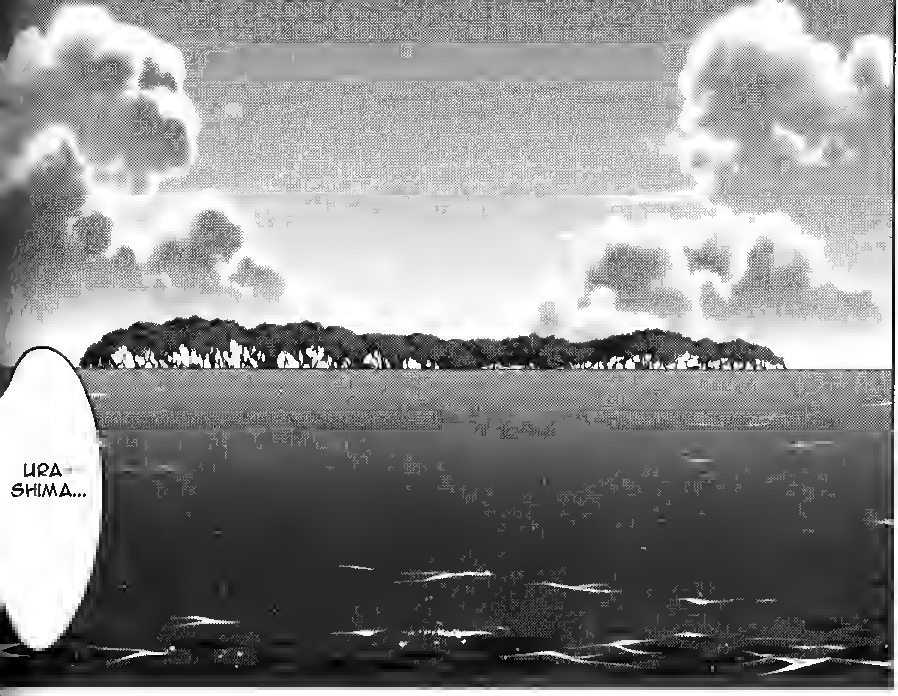
DAWN IS COMING
NAMI SHOULD BE THE ONE THAT USED UP MORE ENERGY, RIGHT?
SYOUKO-CHAN, ARE YOU OK?

(RING)
HELLO!? OSANAI-SAN!?
...HELLO?
UMM...
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW!?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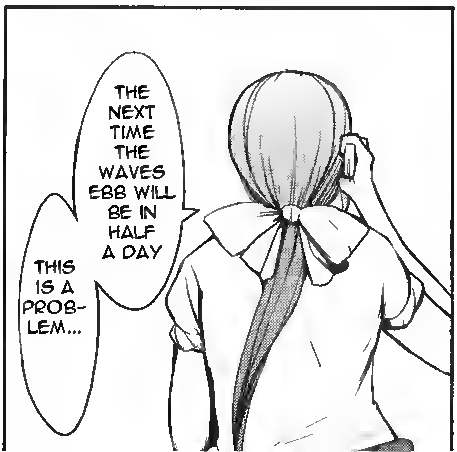
SO IT'D BE A LITTLE HARD TO TELL YOU TO RETURN RIGHT AWAY
YES
...NAMI'S WITH YOU, RIGHT?

DURING THE EVENING, AIZAWA-SAN...


THE NEXT TIME THE WAVES EBB WILL BE IN HALF A DAY
THIS IS A PROB-LEM...

I WONDER IF THE UNASAKA ENVIRONMENT DOESN'T AGREE WITH YOU..
THIS IS WORSE THAN USUAL, RIGHT?
ZAWACCHI, ARE YOU OK?
I WONDER IF THE GHOST APPEARED AGAIN..
I WOKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND AFTER THAT I SUDDENLY FELT BAD...
NORMALLY IT'S NOT SO BAD, BUT SOMETIMES IT HAPPENS..
LAST NIGHT... YASUMI..
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THE WEATHER'S ALSO GOING TO BE A PROBLEM SO I WANTED TO LEAVE SOMETIME TODAY, BUT...
IF THERE'S GOING TO BE A TYPHOON AT THE FESTIVAL, IT'LL ARRIVE TOMORROW
BESIDES THE TYPHOON... YASUMI MIGHT BE FEELING BETTER
THE POISON RELEASED BY THE "SWORD"
MIGHT DESTROY THE HEART AND BODY OF A NORMAL HUMAN IF THEY'RE UNLUCKY
WHEN YASUMI COLLAPSED
THE "SWORD" HAD BEEN DRAWN AT THE NEARBY SAL FOREST
BUT THE "SWORD" HAS ALREADY CROSSED OVER TO URASHIMA
"SWORD"?
HEY, OSANAI-SAN, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A "SWORD"?

I WANT YOU TO BELIEVE ME...
DO YOU NOT WANT ME TO BELIEVE YOU?
DO YOU BELIEVE ME?
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
THEN I GUESS I SHOULD TALK TO ASAMA-SAN
I SEE...
I'M NOT SURE
SINCE THE "SWORD" AND THE ONI AND THE ONIKIRI GROUP HAVE CROSSED OVER TO URASHIMA, DOES THAT MEAN SHOUSHINJI IS SAFE?
THEN SENSEI WILL BELIEVE YOU. OSANAI-SAN ISN'T THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO LIES
YES
IF IT'S SEMINAR THAT SENSEI WAS TAKING, THAT MEANS...
SHE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT ONI AND THE LIKE
SHE'S AN ACQUAINTANCE OF THE PROFESSOR IN A SEMINAR I WAS TAKING
ASAMA-SAN?

I'M GLAD SUMI-CHAN IS SAFE...
THAT'S TRUE
THE ISLAND IS HOWLING...
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IT'S THE HOWL OF MATAMU...

SYOUKO-CHAN
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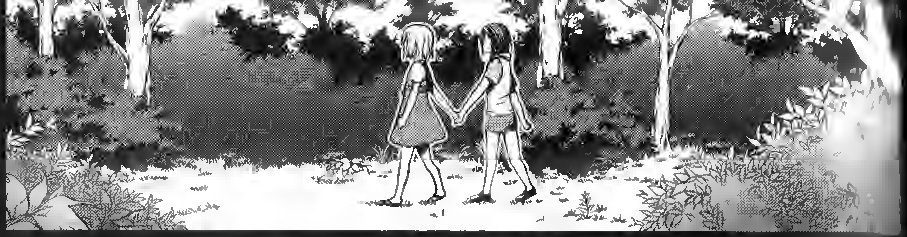
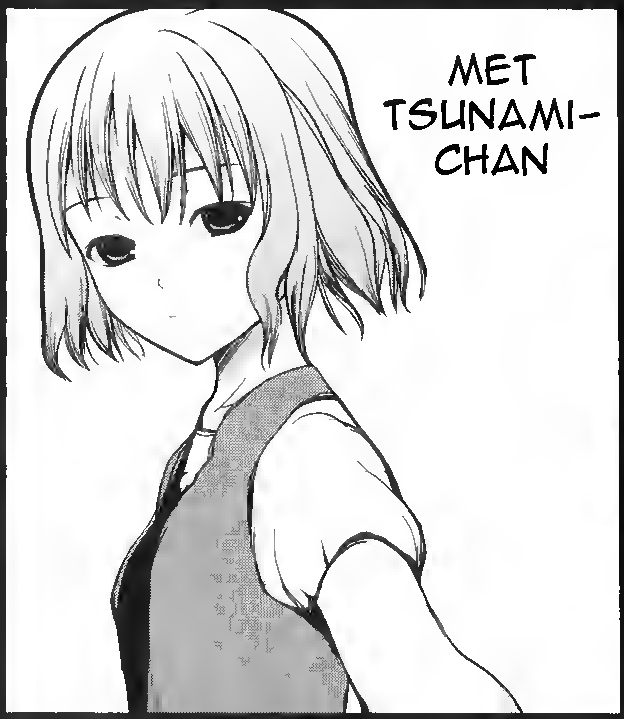
。。。
WE SHOULD HURRY TO THE FOREST OF THE TOKOSAKI NO TSUBAKI
AT THIS RATE, IF WE'RE ATTACKED BY SOMETHING
.. THAT'S TRUE
LET'S REST A BIT
WE COULD HIDE FROM THE WIND IN A CAVE...

WE CAN REST AND RECOVER A BIT AND THEN HEAD OVER TO THE FOREST OF THE TOKOSAKI NO TSUBAKI
THIS CAVE...
ON THIS ISLAND I...
I'M SURE NATSU NEE-SAN BROUGHT ME HERE ON A SUMMER DAY AFTER AKIKO-SAN DIED...
THIS ROAD...

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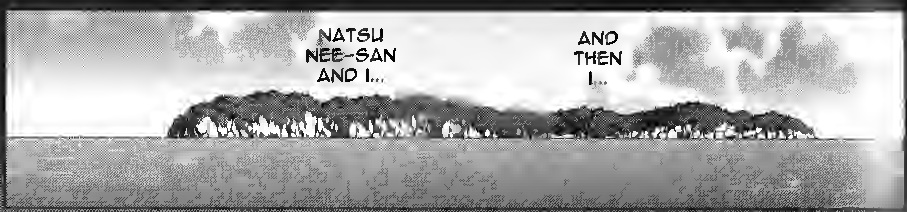
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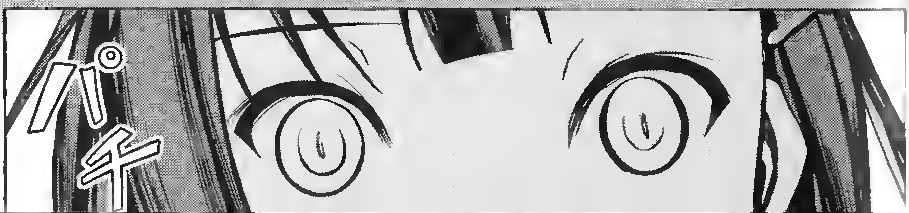
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IT'S NIGHT...!?
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WE'VE OVERSLEPT A BIT
BUT SYOUKO-CHAN LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE RECOVERED
NAMI TOO

SHALL WE GO?
SYOUKO-CHAN, IT'S THIS WAY
AS I THOUGHT, THE FEELING OF THIS HAND...

NAMI?
SYOUKO-CHAN, DO YOU THINK THE AREA FEELS WEIRD?
THE HEAVY FEELING IN THE AIR...
WHERE HAVE I...
THIS IS THE FOREST OF THE TOKOSAKI NO TSUBAKI?
IT SORT OF RESEMBLES THAT TIME THE "SWORD" WAS...
AH...

THIS IS PROBABLY MATAMU'S...
IF THIS WHAT YASUHIME-SAMA WAS TALKING ABOUT, THAT THE BARRIER IS REACHING ITS LIMIT?
THIS IS..
SYOUKO-CHAN, THE "SWORD" IS COMING
THE "SWORD"
IS IT NATSU NEE-SAN!?

NATSU NEE-SAN!
IT'S NATSU NEE-SAN RIGHT?
THAT...
AKIKO-SAN AND I...
COULD IT BE...
NAT-CHAN

SYOUKO-CHAN
DOES NATSU NEE-SAN REMEMBER? I MIGHT HAVE CHANGED A LOT BUT...
THAT'S RIGHT, NATSU NEE-SAN. I'M AKIKO-SAN'S GRAND-DAUGTHER, SYOUKO
SYOUKO-CHAN... YOU'RE ALIVE...?
IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS SINCE THEN AND I'M IN THE 2ND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL NOW
THAT SHOULD BE MY LINE...
THAT'S
IF YOU WERE ALIVE, WHY DIDN'T YOU COME BACK?
WHY ARE YOU HOLDING SUCH A THING?
WHY IS NATSU NEE-SAN ALIVE?

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I... THOUGHT SYOUKO-CHAN WAS SACRIFICED...
AND CAME HERE TO SLAY KUROU-SAMA..
SUCCEEDED?
THIS MEANS I'VE ALREADY SUCCEEDED...
AH, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
I WAS...?
...SACRIFICED?
THAT'S RIGHT THAT'S WHY YASUHIME SAMA...
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I THOUGHT THAT AS LONG AS KUROU-SAMA WAS ALIVE, THEN SYOUKO-CHAN'S SOUL COULDN'T BE SAVED...

WHAT IS THAT...
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YASU-HIME SAMA?
THE "SWORD" ALONG WITH THE "POWER" OF MATAMU MADE THE BARRIER MEANINGLESS
IT COULDN'T HOLD UP
THEN .. MATAMU'S BARRIER IS ALREADY...
SYOUKO-CHAN, YOU'VE BROUGHT ME HERE LIKE YOU PROMISED
AND BECAUSE OF YOU, THE "POWER" SEALED IN THE TOKOSAKI NO TSUBAKI WAS RETURNED TO NAMI'S BODY BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED, BUT...

I DID I WHAT HAVE I...
BUT BECAUSE I BROUGHT THE "SWORD" HERE...
LET'S TURN THIS CALAMITY
INTO GOOD FORTUNE

WE'RE GOING TO SLAY MATAMU?
IS THAT POSSIBLE?
IF THE "SWORD" IS IN OUR HANDS, THEN WE DON'T HAVE TO SEAL IT
WITH MY "POWER" IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO KEEP MATAMU SEALED IN THE PURIFIED TSUBAKI, BUT...
IT'S TRUE WE SLAY IT TOO
BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT
THERE'S NO NEED TO SLAY IT. THE TRUE NATURE OF MATAMU AND THE "SWORD" IS...
THIS CURSED "SWORD" FROM THE AGE OF GODS CAN EVEN BURY ONE
YASU HIME-SAMA!?

I'VE REMEMBERED MAY THINGS AND LEARNED MANY NEW THINGS
I'M NOT YASUHIME-SAMA THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANYTHING REMAINING OF MY FORMER SELF...
SYOUKO-CHAN, I...
IS MATAMU ALREADY!?
IT'S LESS POWERFUL THAN MATAMU, BUT THE NUMBER OF THEM...
THIS AURA IS SWEEPING THROUGH THE FOREST...

THE KENKI CHALLENGED THE PRIEST OF THE NEKATA AND LOST, SO SHE HID HERSELF
IT SEEMS THE KENKI CAME TO SLAY THE SEA GOD OF URASHIMA, KUROU KURUU
THE PERSON WHO TAUGHT THE NEKATA OF URASHIMA ABOUT THE RITES WAS A ONE-EYED, WHITE-HAIRED ONMYOUJI...
HE'S ALSO THE ONE THAT'S BEEN TARGETING THE "SWORD" SINCE LONG AGO
AND TRICKED THE KENKI INTO STEALING THE "SWORD" FROM OKINAWA...

SO EVERYONE'S GATHERED
THIS IS THE ONE-EYED ONI
BA ROURYUU!
ROURYUU...

KUHAHAHA!
KUKUKU
YOU'RE SUCH A RASH PERSON, NARUMI KAYA.
YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT, NARUMI KAYA.
I'M AN ONI... I'M ALREADY A DEAD PERSON...
IF YOU KNEW WHERE YOUR RELATIVE LIVED, YOU'D NORMALLY VISIT AT LEAST ONCE, RIGHT?
THEY SAY THE DEAD RETURN TO THEIR HOME DURING OBON, RIGHT?
IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS
THIS GIRL RETURNED SAFELY TO HER HOME AND IS NOT HIDING FROM THE PUBLIC EYE, BUT FREELY LIVING INDEPENDENTLY
ROURYUU, YOU...
I'M THANKFUL FOR YOUR FOOLISHNESS AND ALSO YOUR EXCELLENT ABILITIES
WELL, WHATEVER. BECAUSE OF THAT, I AM ABLE TO SEE THE "SWORD"

SO HAND THAT SWORD OVER TO ME
SO YOU HAVE NO MORE NEED FOR THE "SWORD" RIGHT?
YOU DON'T NEED TO SLAY KUROU KURUU
THE "SWORD" ITSELF IS DANGEROUS, BUT WHAT IS WORSE IS THE VARIOUS CALAMITIES ITS "POWER" BRINGS
THE "SWORD" IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS
I CAN'T ALLOW THAT

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE FORCE TO TAKE IT, RIGHT?
IF THAT'S THE CASE
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAND IT OVER?
FOR EXAMPLE, PEOPLE LIKE YOU
WHAT CAN THAT DULL SWORD DO TO ME?
SYOUKO-CHAN, HOLD THIS
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THAT'S CUTE...
DID YOU THINK I CAME UNARMED?
COME, MY SPEAR

RYUUGEKI!
THE KING... OF THE WATER... BARBARIAN... ONI...
THE WATER BECAME A WEAPON!?
THAT'S WHY I CAN DO SUCH A THING
THE "SWORD" IS THERE
THE KING IS HERE

IT'S MATAMU
WHAT IS THIS...
THAT'S A PART OF THE SEALED MATAMU

THE BULL IS THE FATHER OF THE SNAKE. THE SNAKE IS THE FATHER OF THE BULL.
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THE BEGINNING IS THE END
CREATION IS DESTRUCTION

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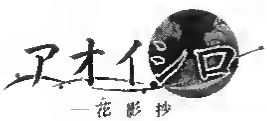
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"POWER" RESIDES IN BLOOD
IT COULD BE SAID THAT ELIXIRS ARE MODELED AFTER IT AND IS A "POWER" WITHOUT RULES WHICH ALMOST RESEMBLES "CHAOS"
IT'S THE LIFE THAT EXISTS IN THE SOUL
WHILE BEING A PART OF THE BODY, WHICH HAS A DEFINITIVE SHAPE, IT'S ALSO A PART OF THE SOUL, WHICH DOESN'T CONFIRM TO A SET CONTAINER AND IS THE SOURCE OF ALL CREATION...
BECAUSE OF THAT, IT WAS TREATED AS UNPURE AND PEOPLE KEPT THEIR DISTANCE FROM IT, OR OFFERED IT AS SUSTENCE TO THE GODS

GODS, OR ONI... THEY ARE AN EXISTENCE THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM HUMANS
SO THE THING THEY HAVE IN COMMON IS THAT THEY DERIVE SUSTENENCE FROM HUMANS
PIERCING THE NECK WITH FANGS TO DRINK HOT BLOOD. EVEN CRAVING THE BLOOD DEPOSITED IN THE DEAD BODY
ONI ARE...
THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU GO, VAMPIRE
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ON MAKA SHIRIEI
JIRIBEI
SOWAKA!
THIS IS THE END, VAMPIRE!

I'LL LET YOU REST QUICKLY
...YOU'RE QUITE STUBBORN, BUT YOU WON'T LAST LONG

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WAIT!

...MY HUMBLE APOLOGIES. IT ESCAPED
...IT ESCAPED, HUH...
AS THE ONIKIRI OF THE SENBA GROUP, IT'S MY FAULT...
NO, IT'S MY FAULT, AS THE HEAD OF THE ONIKIRI ASSOCIATION
I SHOULD HAVE SENT MORE PEOPLE
...OK
BY THE WAY, KEI ONEE-SAN LIVES IN THAT AREA, RIGHT?
YES, A BIT FURTHER FROM HERE
...GEEZ... THOUGH SHE'S HIDDEN
I'M WORRIED

IS HATOU-SAN HERE?
HATOU KEI-SAN!
MASUTA-SEMPAI
DID YOU REMEMBER THERE'S A COUNCIL MEETING TODAY?
YES, OF COURSE!
I'VE ALREADY TOLD THE PEOPLE AT HOME THAT I'M GOING TO BE LATE

SHOWN UP?
RECENTLY IT'S SHOWN UP
WELL
IT'S BETTER NOT TO GO HOME TOO LATE
...WHAT'S SHOWN UP?
I'M ALSO NOT TOO CLEAR BUT IT SEEMS TO BE A...
WHO KNOWS?
VAMPIRE

YOU DEFINITELY CAN'T GO HOME BY YOURSELF TODAY
...SO THAT'S WHY MY FRIEND TOLD ME
IT'S LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D SAY TO A CHILD
YOU DON'T SEEM TO ENTIRELY DISLIKE IT
AND BEING TOLD THAT, YOU FAITHFULLY FOLLOWED HER ADVICE
UUU... THAT'S... UH...
AND YOU EVEN HAVE A PROTECTIVE CHARM. I GUESS YOU REALLY ARE SCARED

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT I WAS ABLE TO HELP OUT A KOUHAI*
IT'S GOOD THAT WE'RE GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION
*STUDENT IN A LOWER GRADE - OPPOSITE OF SEMPAI
AND ALSO...
SINCE I'M A SEMPAI THAT GOING TO GRADUATE AND MOVE FAR AWAY...
EVEN IF I FLIRT A BIT IT WON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE IN THE FUTURE, RIGHT?
AND BY WALKING WITH YOU, I'M ALSO HELPED OUT
JUST JOKING!
EH?

HELPED OUT?
RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN A LITTLE...
SCARED TO WALK HOME ALONE
IT FEELS AS IF I'M BEING WATCHED
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HATOU-SAN REALLY IS A TIMID PERSON
IT'S A CAT!
OH...
IT'S JUST A CAT
THE CAT THAT MY NEE-SAN HAD WAS LIKE THAT
IT'S QUITE A BIT BIGGER BUT...
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LET'S HURRY UP AND GO
AH, OK!

EH?
SO YOU WEREN'T ALONE WHEN WALKING BACK?
I WAS WITH 3RD YEAR MASUTA-SEMPAI
THAT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER
BUT BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE RECENTLY...
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KEI-CHAN? COULD YOU GET THAT?
SURE

SAKUYA-SAN!
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HELLO...
SHE'S COMPLAINING THAT SHE MIGHT BE JAPAN'S BUSIEST 11 YEAR OLD
UDUKI-SAN AND TSUDURA-CHAN?
ARE THEY WELL?
MMM,,, THE ONIKIRI GROUP CONTACTED ME
COMING HERE SO SUDDENLY, WHAT'S WRONG?

SO, HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING WEIRD?
AH HAHA
IT'S BECAUSE ON THE SURFACE, SHE'S THE CEO OF THE WAKASUGI GROUP AND IN SECRET, SHE'S THE HEAD OF THE ONIKIRI GROUP
EH?
I'M FINE I'VE BEEN HOLDING MY OMAMORI
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE FINE?
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S AN ONI RIGHT NEXT TO YOU, YOU DON'T EVEN NOTICE.

...BY THE WAY
THE CAT, IT WAS THE CAT, AND YOU WERE COMPLETELY RELAXED
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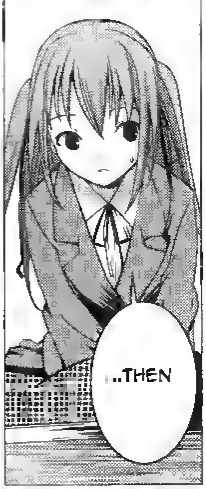
(EH?)
WHY DID YOU COME HERE TODAY?
RIGHT NOW, I DON'T DRINK NORMAL BLOOD
IT'S NOT ME
IT WAS JUST GOSSIP BUT IF THE ONIKIRI GROUP HAS STARTED MOVING IT'S REAL
...THERE'S BEEN A RUMOR THAT A VAMPIRE HAS APPEARED AROUND THE AREA

THE CAT THAT I SAW WAS THE VAMPIRE?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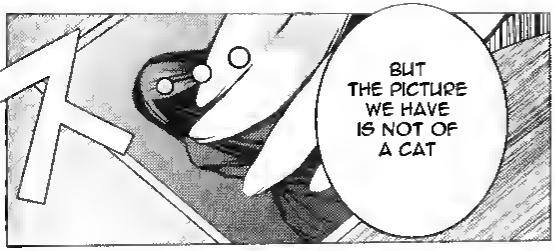
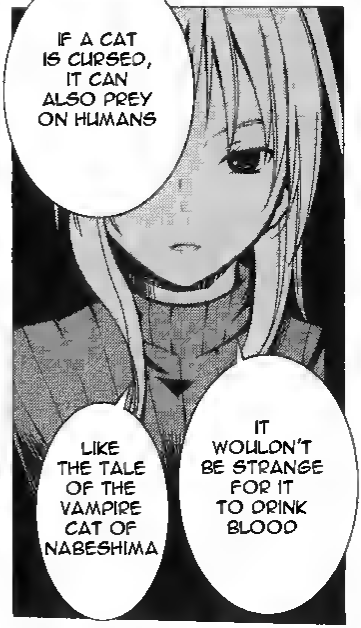

BUT THE PICTURE WE HAVE IS NOT OF A CAT

THIS PERSON, MIGHT RESEMBLE MASUTA-SEMPAI


IF A CAT IS CURSED, IT CAN ALSO PREY ON HUMANS
LIKE THE TALE OF THE VAMPIRE CAT OF NABESHIMA
IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE FOR IT TO DRINK BLOOD

MASUTA?

I'M NOT BEING OVERLY CAREFUL
SAKUYA-SAN'S THINKING TOO MUCH
THERE'S MANY STORIES WHERE THE REAL PERSON HAS ALREADY BEEN CONSUMED, AND THE ONI
IS JUST PRETENDING TO BE A HUMAN
FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, SHE LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL HUMAN
IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE SOMETHING CUTE LIKE THAT
SOUNDS LIKE THE CAT OF ABURAYA STORY
IT'LL BE EASIER ON US TOO
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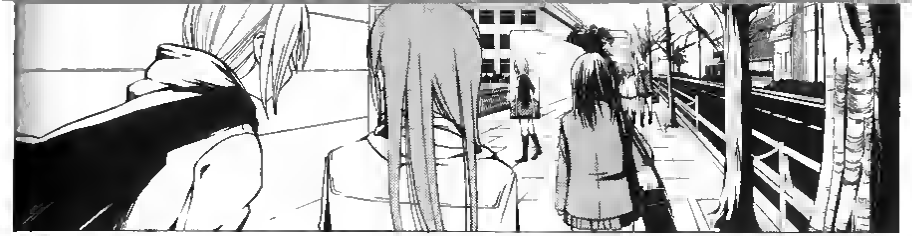

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CAN WE WALK HOME TOGETHER TODAY, TOO?
YES, OF COURSE!
GREAT, THAT PUTS ME AT EASE
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HATOU-SAN

YES-TERDAY

ANOTHER BODY WAS FOUND
NEAR THERE

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HEH ..
SEMPAI IS LIVING AT YOUR AUNT'S PLACE?
IT'S CAUSE MY DAD KEEPS GETTING RELOCATED. ONE, TWO THREE, FOUR FIVE, SIX..
THAT MANY!?
I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES IT'S BEEN SINCE GRADE SCHOOL?
WELL, HATOU-SAN IS LIVING WITH YOUR OLDER COUSIN, RIGHT?
SHE'S LIKE A MODERN DAY URASHIMA TAROU AND FOR A WHILE THERE WAS A BIG UPROAR, RIGHT?
AH HAHA...
BUT FOR HIGH SCHOOL, THERE'S ALSO EXAMS YOU HAVE TO TAKE TO ENROLL, SO MY AUNT INTRODUCED ME TO A SCHOOL
AND GOING WITH THAT WAS A GOOD THING
AN ONEE-SAN THAT SUDDENLY REAPPEARS AFTER BEING MISSING FOR TEN YEARS...
THAT'S GREAT
IT'S LIKE A NOVEL
IT'S BEST IF NOTHING HAPPENED IN THE FIRST PLACE

WELL, YESTERDAY YOU SAID
EH?
DOES SEMPAI GET ALONG WITH YOUR SISTER?
AROUND THIS AREA WHEN YOU SAW THAT CAT...
AH, ETTO
HELLO?
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SAYING "HELLO". KEI, YOU DON'T NOTICE IT?

IT'S BEEN FOLLOWING YOU FOR A WHILE NOW
THAT DEMON CAT FROM YESTERDAY

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THANKS FOR YESTERDAY
SO?
IN CONCLUSION, KEI ONEE-CHAN'S SEMPAI, MASUTA SADAKO IS A RELEVANT PERSON IN THIS CASE
THANKS FOR THE HELP. OUR INFORMATION NETWORK DOESN'T WORK WELL ON LOCAL NEWS

SO SHE WASN'T A NORMAL PERSON AFTER ALL?
?
HATOU-SAN?
I THINK I'LL GO TALK TO HER FOR A BIT
WAIT
NOZOMI-CHAN!
SHE'S NOT A VERY REMARKABLE ONI
NO,NO, SHE ISN'T AN ONI
BESIDES, I'M SURE NOZOMI-SAN HAS ALSO NOTICED IT
THEN...

ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES
THE MASUTA FAMILY HAS HAD AN ABNORMAL AMOUNT OF MISSING PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN SPIRITED AWAY
SADAKO'S OLDER SISTER ALSO DISAPPEARED TEN YEARS GO
A FAMILY THAT'S TARGETED BY ONI. ...NO, IN THIS IT MIGHT BE THE OPPOSITE? AN ONI THAT'S TARGETING A CERTAIN LINEAGE
I SEE. SO KEI'S INTUITION WASN'T ENTIRELY WRONG IT'S LIKE THE SAYING IF YOU KILL A CAT, YOU'LL BE CURSED FOR 7 GENERATIONS
HUH?
IN THIS CASE, THE CAT ISN'T CONNECTED
IF YOU GO BACK UP THE MASUDA'S FAMILY LINEAGE, THEN YOU'LL FINE AN ANCESTOR WHO IS A PRIEST WHO CAME FROM OVERSEAS
MA-SUDA KEN-GYOU
IT'S SAID THAT
HE WRUNG BLOOD FROM LIVING THINGS INTO A CUP AND DRANK IT LIKE SAKE...

...HATOU-SAN!
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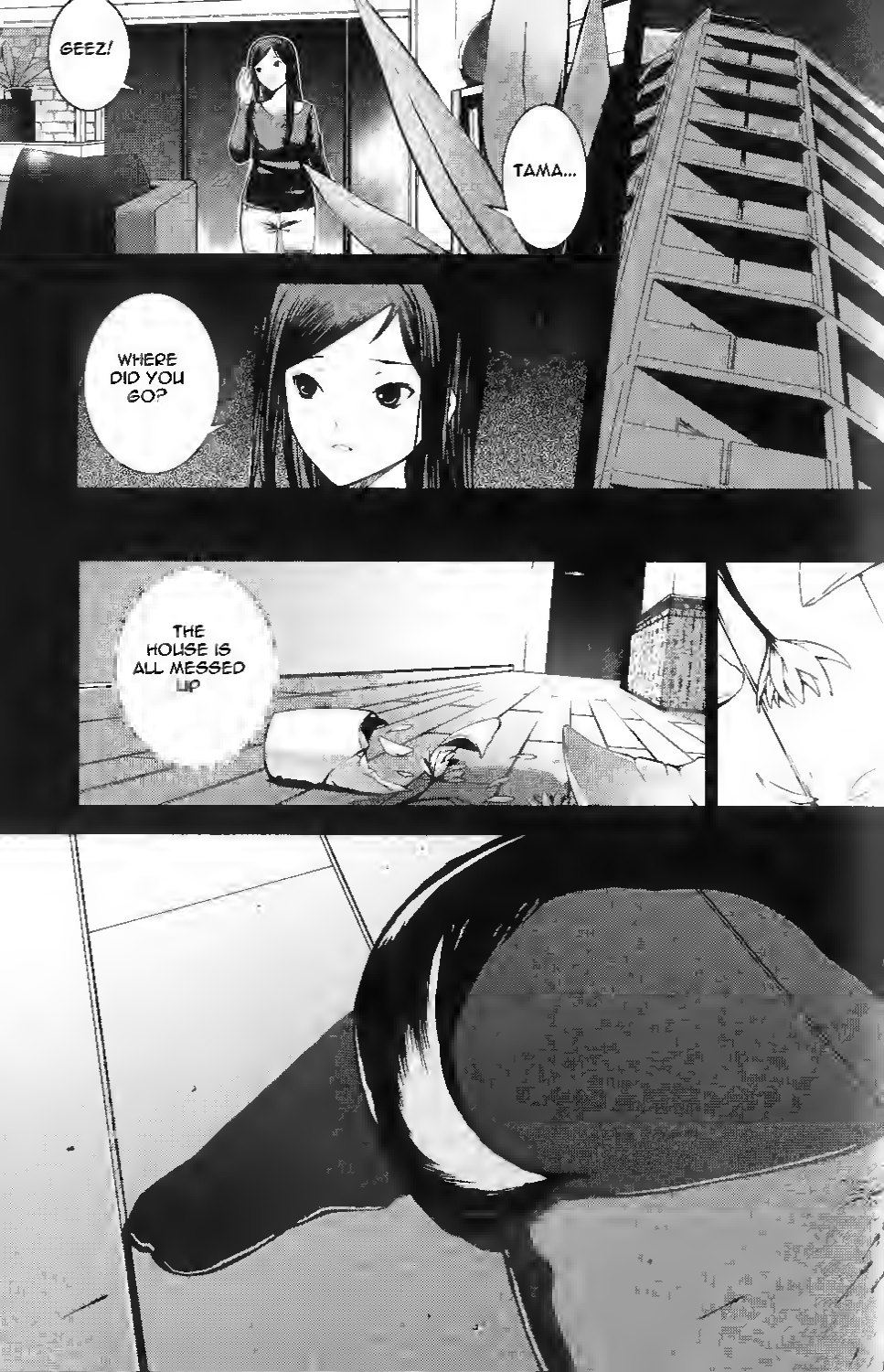
AH? EH? ETTO...
IF NOTHING'S THE MATTER LET'S HURRY UP AND GO
LATELY, IT'S BECOME DANGEROUS TO WALK AT NIGHT, RIGHT?
YES
...IT'S VERY DANGEROUS

NEE-SAN?
TOKIKO NEE-SAN?

I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU


GEEZ!
TAMA...
WHERE DID YOU GO?
THE HOUSE IS ALL MESSED UP

WHO DID THIS?
TAMA?
WHAT IS THIS?
EH?

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...ARE YOU TOKIKO NEE-SAN?

...I AM. THOUGH I'VE HAD A HARD TIME
I'M GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO GROW UP HEALTHY AND WELL

IF WE STAND NEXT TO EACH OTHER, IT'S LIKE WE'RE TWINS
LIKE LOOKING IN A MIRROR
THAT'S SPLENDID. IF IT'S YOUR BODY...
I'LL BE USED TO IT

THIS PERSON...
ISN'T SEMPAI'S SISTER
RED EYES AND
WHITE FANGS
ONI

WHAT A VULGAR STORY
AN OVERSEAS PRIESTS THAT DRINKS BLOOD
THIS DATA WAS GATHERED FROM BEFORE THE WAKASUGI BECAME THE HEAD OF THE ONIKIRI GROUP
YES, ACCORDING TO RECORDS...
MASUTA KENGYOU REALLY BECAME A VAMPIRE
KNOWING THAT, THE ONIKIRI GROUP WOULDN'T JUST LEAVE IT ALONE, RIGHT?
ギン

THEN WHY ARE THOSE OF THE MASUTA LINEAGE BEING TARGETED NOW?
BECAUSE THE MASUTA BLOOD IS IN A VERY HONEST PERSON RIGHT NOW
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT BOTHERS ME
BECAUSE MASUTA KENGYOU'S BODY WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED
THE VAMPIRE THAT UDUKI FOUGHT
APPEARS TO BE MASUTA TOKIKO WHO VANISHED TEN YEARS AGO

BLOOD
THE SOURCE OF AN ONI'S POWER IS
きゃ
A NORMAL PERSON WOULD HAVE A LOT OF THEIR BLOOD DRAINED AND DIE BUT...
IF IT'S MY BLOOD, THEN JUST A LITTLE WOULD SUFFICE
IF YOU WANT TO HEAL THAT WOUND, THEN DRINK MY BLOOD
IT'LL HEAL FOR SURE, SO PLEASE LET SEMPAI GO
WAIT!
I SEE...

BUT I CAN'T
BECAUSE WHAT I WANT IS THIS CHILD'S BODY
ピク
IT'S UNCOM-FORTABLE TO USE ANOTHER'S BODY
BUT SINCE MY REAL BODY WAS REDUCED TO DUST A LONG TIME AGO
I'VE SWITCHED BODIES COUNTLESS TIMES, BUT THEY QUICKLY BECOME USELESS
BUT..
IF IT'S OF THE SAME BLOODLINE AS MINE...

YOU...
AREN'T NEE-SAN?
OUCH!
YOU DO LOOK VERY APPETIZING
BUT IT'S TRUE...
I'LL TAKE MY TIME AND PLAY WITH YOU LATER

DO THIS
WHY DO YOU
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE CALLED ONI, KEI-SAN
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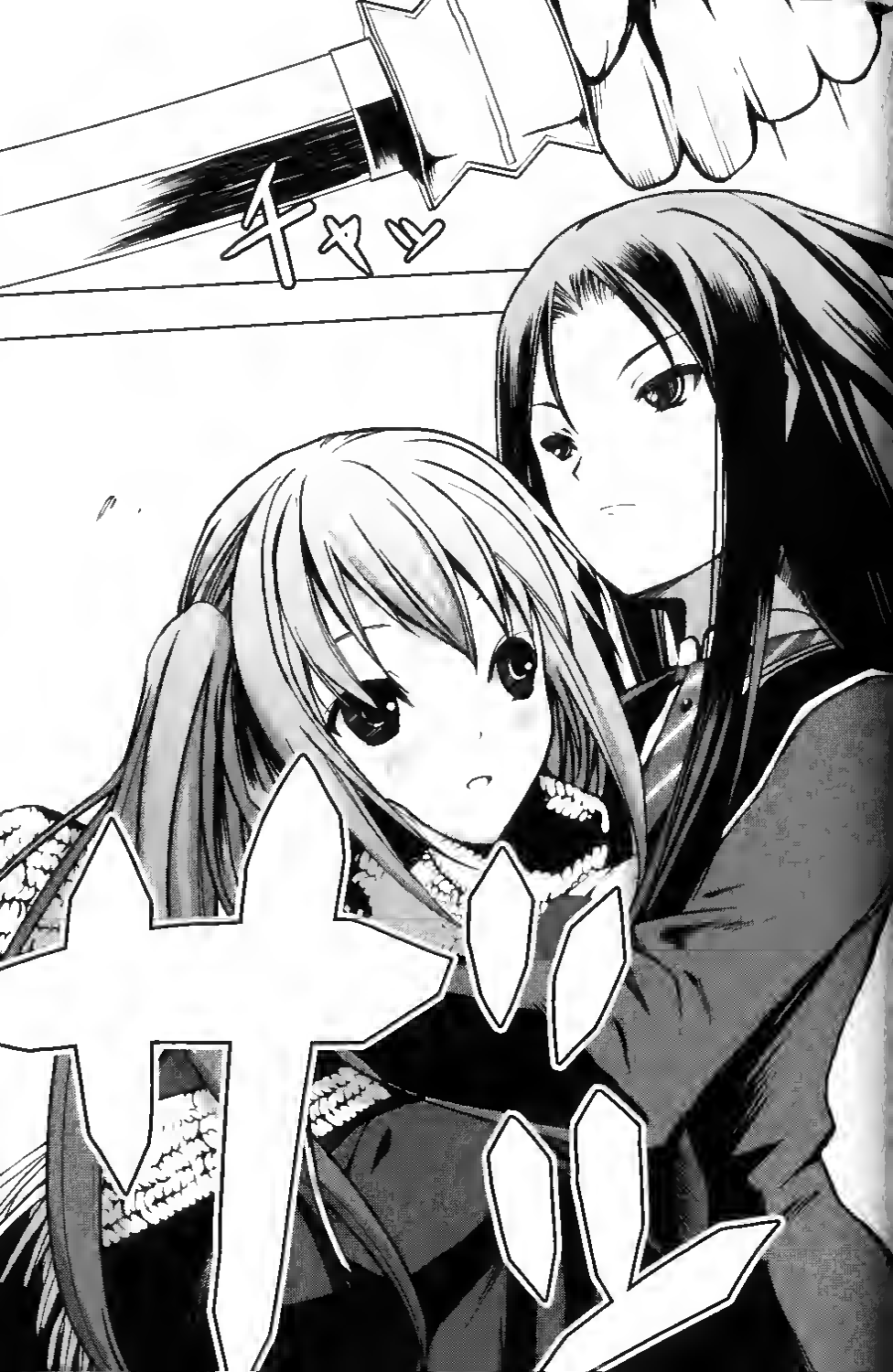
THEY BECOME AN ONI
BECAUSE THEIR CONSTRAINTS AND THOUGHTS DEVIATE FROM A HUMAN'S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...UDUKI-SAN!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, KEI-SAN
SORRY ABOUT THIS, BUT I'LL HAVE TO CATCH UP WITH YOU LATER
I'M AN ONIKIRI OF THE SENBA GROUP, SENBA UDUKI
カキン
...ONIKIRI!

...YOU
I'M COMING
(ONIKIRI)

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ARE YOU OK?
...IT SEEMS I STRAINED MY BACK
MASUTA-SEMPAI!
Aッ
THERE'S A PERSON WHOSE JOB IS TO SLAY ONI
IT'S LIKE THE LEGEND OF MINAMOTO NO YORIMITSU AND WATANABE NO TSUNA FIGHTING THE ONI SHUTENDOJI
IT'S LIKE A DREAM
...AFTER A VAMPIRE, NOW A BEAUTIFUL GIRL WIELDING A SWORD APPEARS
NEE-SAN NO LONGER EXISTS
ザマ...
THEN...
...I SEE

YOU'RE SO PITIFUL, VAMPIRE
THOUGH YOU GAVE UP BEING HUMAN, IN THE END, YOU ESCAPED TO A HUMAN'S BODY
EVEN SO...
EVEN SO, I'VE SURPASSED HUMANS
WITH A KISS, I COMMAND THESE "CHILDREN" AND AM A VAMPIRE KING

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PROTECT THEM WHILE FIGHTING?
KEI-SAN! STAY NEAR ME
ハッ
...SO
YOU'RE SO CARELESS, ONIKIRI

NOZOMI-CHAN! DID YOU COME TO HELP US?
YOU MUST BE KIDDING
THOSE "ONI" ARE THE SAME AS PUPPETS SO MY HYPNOSIS WOULDN'T WORK ON THEM
...BUT WELL
A NEKOMATA!
I BROUGHT SOMETHING TO HELP IN MY PLACE
GEEZ, IF I'M NOT HERE TO HELP YOU, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING
THIS TIME NOZOMI-CHAN DISAPPEARED ON YOUR OWN

COULD IT BE... TAMA?
THAT CAT...
YES
WHEN SHE WAS ATTACKED, THE CAT WAS ALSO KILLED
WHOSE BODY THE VAMPIRE IS NOT USING
IT'S THAT GIRL, TOKIKO'S CAT

IN ORDER TO AVENGE ITS OWNER, IT BECAME A MONSTER
THOUGH IT'S AN ANIMAL, IT'S WORTHY OF RESPECT
HAH!

AND YOU'RE GOING TO OPPOSE ME WHOSE LIVED OVER 400 YEARS?
A NEKOMATA BORN RECENTLY THAT CAN'T EVEN CHANG INTO A PERSON
KEI!
YES!?
HOW ARROGANT YOU ARE, FOR HAVING LIVED ONLY 400 YEARS
GIVE THAT CHILD SOME OF YOUR BLOOD
YOUR..
NIE NO CHI

DID YOU SAY?
NIE NO CHI
YES
YOU DIDN'T REALIZE THOUGH IT WAS IN FRONT OF YOU?
AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE SPECIALLY THICK BLOOD
IF YOU DRANK THAT, YOU MIGHT REALLY BECOME IMMORTAL
BUT, IT'S TOO LATE
カリ

BECAUSE
THIS CHILD IS GOING TO KILL YOU
SEE, IT'S ALREADY TRANSFORMING
TAMA!
TAKE BACK NEE-SAN'S BODY
PLEASE

ニコ
……!
HAH
HAH

IF I CAN OBTAIN THE NIE NO CHI...
IF MY "CHILDREN" CAN HOLD HER DOWN...!
TOO BAD VAMPIRE
I'VE FINISHED CLEANING UP HERE

SO...
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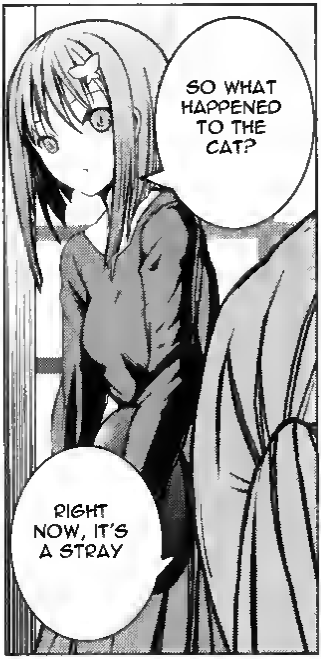
OUR PLACE DOESN'T ALLOW PETS
YOU COULD HAVE BROUGHT IT HERE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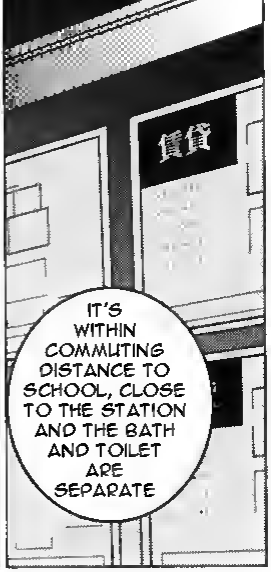
RIGHT NOW, IT'S A STRAY

BUT...

IT'S ONLY A STRAY FOR THE TIME BEING



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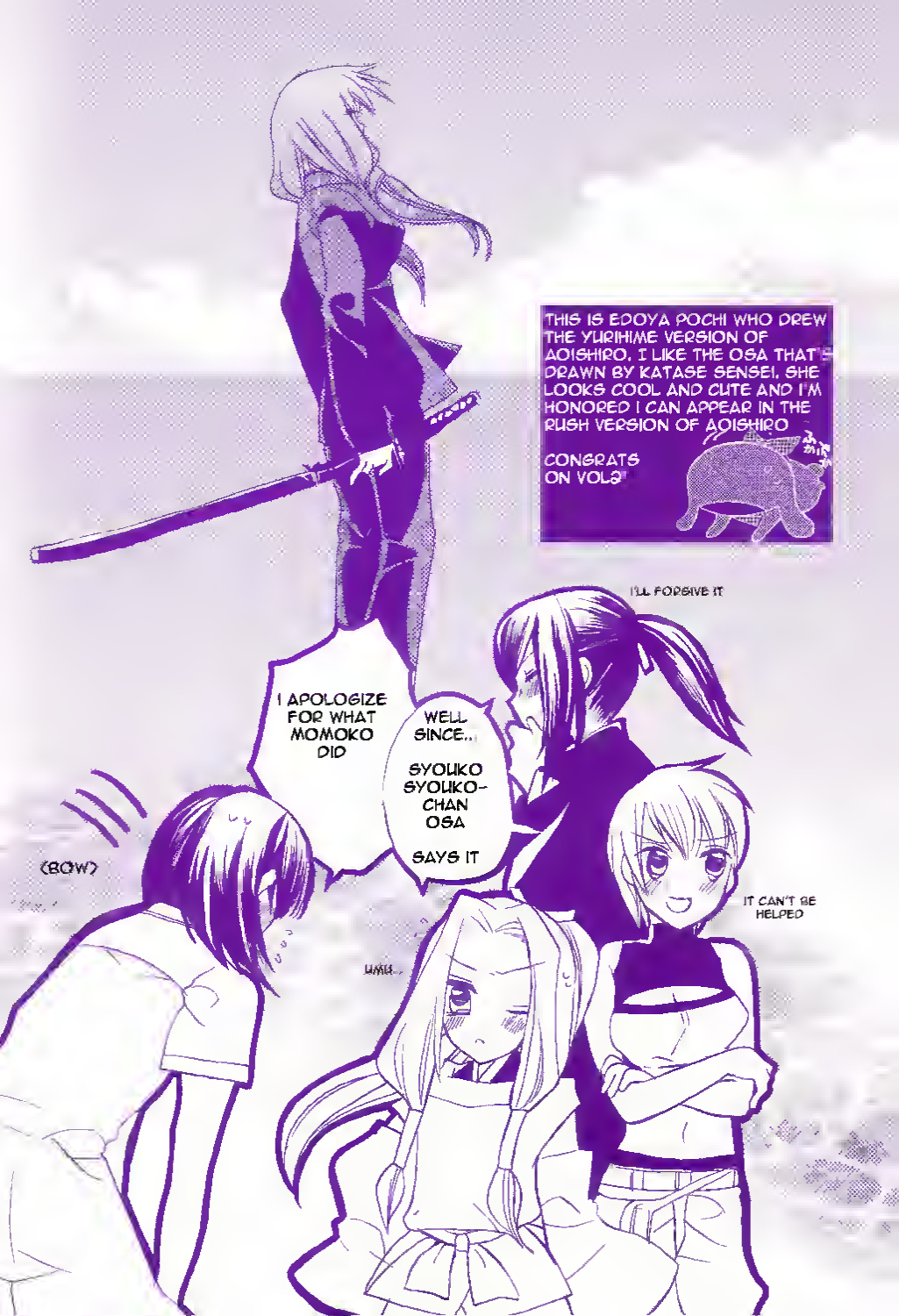
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CONGRATS ON VOL3!
I'LL FORGIVE IT
I APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT MOMOKO DID
WELL SINCE..
SYOUKO SYOUKO-CHAN OSA
SAYS IT
(BOW)
UMU..
IT CAN'T BE HELPED

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TSURUGI 剣	THE "SWORD" THAT WAS STOLEN AND MIGIWA IS SEARCHING FOR
URASHIMA TAROU 浦島太郎	THE LEGEND OF A FISHERMAN WHO SAVES A TURTLE FROM BEING TEASED. THAT TURTLE TURNS OUT TO BE A PRINCESS OF SEA AND INVITES THE FISHERMAN TO VISIT A PALACE UNDER THE SEA. HE STAYS A FEW DAYS AND RETURNS WITH A BOX WHICH THE PRINCESS TOLD HIM TO NEVER OPEN. ON RETURNING, HE FINDS OUT THAT SEVERAL HUNDERED YEARS HAVE PASSED. HE THEN OPENS THE BOX AND TURNS OLD AS THE PRINCESS TELLS HIM HIS OLD AGE WAS IN THE BOX.
NIE NO CHI 贄の血	MEANS BLOOD OF SACRIFICE. IT IS A SPECIAL BLOOD THAT GIVES POWER IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN A HUMAN DRINKS IT. IT HAS BEEN IN THE HATOH FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS. BECAUSE OF THIS BLOOD, THE HATOH FAMILY AND THOSE AROUND THEM MEET ONI AND OTHER STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN TO THEM. JUST LIKE DIFFERENT KINDS OF FOOD HAVE DIFFERENT NUTRITIONAL VALUE, BLOOD FROM DIFFERENT HUMANS ARE THE SAME. SOME ARE LIKE JUNK FOOD AND SOME ARE ESPECIALLY NUTRITIOUS, LIKE KEI'S BLOOD.
CAT OF NABESHIMA 鍋島家の猫	A LEGEND OF A VAMPIRE CAT THAT KILLED ONE OF THE PRINCE OF HIZEN'S LADIES AND ASSUMED HER FORM. EVERY NIGHT AFTER THAT THE PRINCE HAD NIGHTMARES AND HIS HEALTH SUFFERED. FINALLY A SOLDIER, ITO SODA KEPT WATCH OVER THE PRINCE AND REVEALED THE CAT'S DISGUISE. THE CAT FLED BUT WAS EVENTUALLY HUNTED DOWN AND KILLED.

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